

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT

43 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

Native Pink Bollworm (PBW) moth captures decreased in Southern California this week. The native count for Imperial County was 3, down 200% compared to the 6 captured last week. Imperial County trapped 94.8% fewer natives than the 58 trapped in the same week in 2009. Most of the cotton in Bard has been harvested, shredded, and plowed. Only three fields remain and those should be out next week. Riverside County natives caught this week totaled 9, a 22.2% increase from last weeks 7, and a 98.6% decrease from last year when there were 622 during the same week. The native counts in the highway line traps were 2, the same as last week. This was 98.7% fewer captures than the 88 caught during in the same week in 2009. There were 5,146,370 sterile moths released in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties this week and 90,670,750 to date.

San Joaquin Valley:

There were 12,244,225 sterile moths released this week, bringing the season total to 241,451,553. Sterile releases are scheduled to end on Saturday October 9th. The Shafter Identification Lab examined 201 traps containing 6,500 sterile moths in traps from Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Merced Counties. There was one native trapped this week in Merced County, bringing the season total to two. The Shafter Identification Lab also examined 251 traps from Southern California with 3,612 sterile moths and 14 native moths.

Sacramento Valley:

Traps will be examined and removed in two weeks.